

Application No. 09/835,673  
Amendment dated March 10, 2004  
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### **REMARKS**

Claims 1-12, and 15-30 are pending in the application. The Examiner has rejected Claims 1-12 and allowed Claims 15-30.

#### **Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. §103(a)**

Claims 1, 2, and 4-12 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Meller (U.S. Patent No. 4,642,738) in view of Bianchetti (U.S. Patent No. 6,095,810). Claim 3 stands rejected over Meller '738 in view of Bianchetti '810 and further in view of Schuss (U.S. Patent No. 4,498,868).

Further to a telephone interview with the Examiner conducted March 2, 2004, Applicants have amended Independent Claims 1 and 8 to place these claims in condition for allowance. Applicants appreciate the Examiner's courtesy in conducting the March 2, 2004 telephone interview. Applicants further appreciate the Examiner's indication that, upon entry of the current amendment, all pending claims are in condition for allowance.

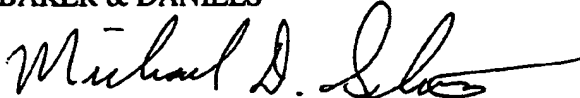
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If any questions concerning this application should arise, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned at 219/424-8000.

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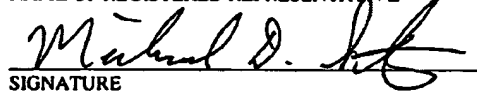
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